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U.S. DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION AND TREASURY

FISCAL YEAR 2000 THROUGH 2004
ACCOMPLISHMENTS
BREAKDOWN OF PROJECTS BY DISTRICT
(as of June 1, 2004)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

STATEWIDE

Improvements to Roadways on Federal Lands – \$19 million

These funds improve roadways on federal lands throughout the State. Projects funded include: Arizona Memorial parking area rehabilitation, Kealia Pond Coastal Boardwalk, repair draining ditch and other improvements at Kakahaia National Wildlife Refuge on Molokai, Volcanoes National Park rehabilitation of Crater Rim Drive, Waimanalo Job Corps Center sidewalks improvements, and improvements at Kaloko-Honokohau National Historic Park in Kona.

Rainbow Communications System Modernization – \$6.1 million (FY02 & FY03)

These funds upgraded the existing Hawaii Rainbow Communications System, which provides VHF-FM connectivity throughout Hawaii for federal and State agencies. The System is a unique multi-agency partnership comprised of the U.S. Customs Service, the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, and three State of Hawaii agencies. The Coast Guard is the lead agency for the System, and coordinated the acquisition and installation of equipment. The existing communications system, installed in the late 1970s, has neared the end of its life cycle.

U.S. Coast Guard Search and Rescue Spectral Imaging Demonstration Project – \$1 million (FY03)

These funds were used to demonstrate a new technology called the Advanced Airborne Hyperspectral Imaging Sensor for Search and Rescue (AAHIS-SAR), that help search-and-rescue teams efficiently and effectively spot survivors and victims. The AAHIS-SAR system, which is attached to a Coast Guard C-130 aircraft based at Kalaeloa, has the ability to alert the pilot of the presence of a potential target in the water, and can operate continuously from dawn to dusk, improving the effectiveness of search-and-rescue missions.

Hawaii Ferryboat – \$31.5 million

These funds are part of an appropriation shared by Hawaii and Alaska for ferry projects, including the construction of electric ferries to be used at the U.S. Arizona Memorial, and ferries for public transit.

Integrated Support Command Building Construction – \$7.2 million (FY02)

These funds were used to demolish deteriorated buildings currently occupied by the U.S. Coast Guard's Naval Engineering Support Unit (NESU) and the Integrated Support Command Honolulu carpenter shop, and construct a new 20,230-square-foot building. The new facility will consolidate the NESU, the Electronic Support Unit, and the Cutter Maintenance Assist Team, and will provide adequate space for training and equipment storage, improve working conditions, and allow for more efficient naval, electronic, and maintenance support for floating units.

Honolulu Center Radar Approach Control (CERAP) – \$22.6 million (FY00 & FY01)

The funding enabled the Federal Aviation Administration to complete the new Honolulu CERAP, which was formerly located in Diamond Head State Park for an upgraded traffic control capability for Hawaii.

ASOS Controller Equipment/Information Display System – \$950,000 (FY01)

This is an advanced radar system installed at the new CERAP facility.

OAHU

Honolulu Bus Rapid Transit – \$22.5 million (FY01 - 03)

These funds were used by the City and County of Honolulu (City) to develop, evaluate and recommend mobility alternatives from Ewa to East Honolulu. The City determined that the preferred option was the Honolulu Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project, which includes a hub-and-spoke bus network, contra-flow lanes on the Interstate H-1, and dedicated lanes for buses.

Bus and Bus Facilities – \$32.45 million

Funds were appropriated to augment the City and County of Honolulu's budget for the construction of three bus transit centers in Waianae, Mililani, and Wahiawa. These transit centers will serve as intermodal transit terminals. The Waianae and Wahiawa transit centers will include park and ride facilities. Funds were also used to replace existing vehicles with a mixed fleet of transit buses and paratransit vehicles that will use cleaner fuels.

Middle Street Intermodal Transit Center – \$3 million (FY04)

These funds are for a Transit Center to serve as a transfer point for community circular buses, limited stop express buses and connector buses serving this area of Honolulu. The Center would be constructed adjacent to the existing bus operations center, and serve as a new operations and maintenance center for paratransit services such as The Handi-Van.

North-South Road – \$1 million (FY04)

This proposed road will be a 2.5 mile arterial roadway in the Ewa area of Oahu, linking Kapolei Parkway and Farrington Highway to the H-1 Freeway. Phase I will consist of the construction of a three-lane road that extends from Kapolei Parkway to H-1. Federal highway formula funds will also be used for this critical initiative for West Oahu.

Farrington Highway – \$3 million (FY02 - 03)

These funds support the construction of a temporary median barrier on Farrington Highway, and the improvement of the roadway's pedestrian access, pavement markets, and signage.

Pookela Road Storm Drain Improvements – \$4 million (FY04)

These funds will be used to improve the storm drain to reduce flooding of the road and neighboring community by constructing a bypass relief drain to connect the State's proposed improvements within Kapunahala Stream to the existing channel located below Kahekili Highway.

Instrument Landing System (ILS) at Kalaeloa Airport – \$2.3 million (FY01)

The installation of an ILS at Kalaeloa Airport greatly increases safety at this airport. Since the State of Hawaii began operating the Kalaeloa Airport, formerly known as Barbers Point, and opened the facilities to general aviation, the number of aircraft operations each month has exceeded 10,000. In addition to assisting the general aviation community, this ILS helps the U.S. Coast Guard, which maintains a 24-hour air-sea rescue alert aircraft base at Kalaeloa Airport.

Waimalu Bridge Project – \$3.4 million (FY01)

One of the most critical highway needs on Oahu is the widening of Interstate H-1's Waimalu Bridge, which was built in the early 1970s when the interstate was constructed. Since then, the interstate's westward roadway has been widened to six lanes, but the bridge remains a five-lane corridor, forcing traffic to merge. This project will significantly relieve congestion for Oahu residents because the bridge is part of a main arterial route leading from the business district to the Ewa suburbs.

Sand Island Bridge – \$5 million (FY02)

These funds support improvements to the Sand Island Bridge, a critical roadway for the State and its economy, by replacing its deck with a non-skid surface system, repairing corrosion damage and deck joints, recoating the steel deck, and upgrading the end posts. This bridge, which is more than 40 years old, is the only roadway access to Hawaii's most important and largest shipping and container port, and it serves more than 2,000 trucks daily. Durable and bulk goods, such as automobiles, appliances, food, lumber, household items, appliances, fuel, clothing, and heavy construction equipment are distributed throughout the state from this port.

Highway Demonstration (Kahuku) – \$5 million (FY01)

As a result of the 1991 flooding in Kahuku, the Kahuku Flood Relief Task Force Committee was formed to determine short- and long-term mitigation measures. As recommended, these funds support efforts to mitigate against the overtopping of Kamehameha Highway and flooding in the area fronting Kahuku Hospital during severe storms.

BIG ISLAND

Saddle Road – \$17 million (Since FY01)

This is a long-standing project in Hawaii County to alleviate congestion and improve the safety of roadways connecting Hilo and Kona, and to shorten the travel distance between these communities by improving Saddle Road. This road, Route 200, also provides access to the Mauna Kea Observatory and the Pohakuloa Army Reservation.

Puna Makai Alternative Road Study – \$200,000 (FY04)

These funds are for a preliminary engineering report and a land acquisition cost estimate study for a route in Puna that would be an alternative to Highway 130. Currently, when flooding or accidents close Highway 130, the Puna area is cut off.

Hamakua-Hilo Corridor Road and Bridge Project – \$4.5 million (FY01)

The funds helped to ensure that the scenic Hamakua coast remains as safe as it is beautiful. Many of the bridges and segments of the road along the coast were repaired with these funds.

Essential Air Service – \$3.57 million (Since FY03)

Senator Inouye worked to maintain Hana, Kalaupapa, and Kamuela airports' eligibility for the national Essential Air Service (EAS) program, which provides subsidies to air carriers that serve small airports, and secure appropriations for them. These airports are vital transportation links for their rural, isolated communities.

Rural Bus Program – \$7.35 million (Since FY00)

This program assists neighbor island counties in improving rural bus service on the Big Island, Maui, and Kauai. The Big Island plans to increase after school transportation for students, link Hilo and Kona, create paratransit programs in Hilo and Kona, and have wheelchair accessible vehicles available on all routes.

KAUAI

Kapahi Bridge Improvements – \$350,000 (FY04)

Funds will be used to support plans for the Kapahi bridge.

Ohiki Road – \$50,000 (FY04)

These funds are for bank stabilization and engineering for Ohiki Road in the Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge.

Kekaha Access Roads Project – \$4 million (FY01)

With the shutdown of Kekaha and Lihue sugar plantations, these funds were used to improve access roads in disrepair and did not meet current safety standards.

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MAUI COUNTY

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Alien Species Action Plan – \$9 million (Since FY02)

These funds continue the implementation of the Alien Species Action Plan (ASAP), imposed by the Federal Aviation Administration. The ASAP seeks to prevent the introduction of alien species to Hawaii via aircraft arriving on Maui. Under the ASAP, aircraft and cargo must be inspected upon arrival.

Hana Highway – \$1 million (FY03)

These funds support the rehabilitation of bridges along the Hana Highway to improve the safety of this roadway, which is the only land transportation route for the rural town of Hana.

Waipoli Road Improvements, Haleakala – \$1 million (FY03)

These funds support access enhancements to allow for the movement of broadcast transmitters out of the interference zone of the Haleakala telescopes.

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Lanai Runway Extension Project – \$3.6 million (FY01)

Kihei Road Project – \$2.5 million (FY01)

These funds will be used to design the Kihei-Upcountry Maui Highway. The new highway will meet the transportation needs of the area's growing population, promote economic development, and serve as an important route for coastal evacuations during emergency situations. In addition, this project will facilitate transportation between defense-related research activities at the Haleakala Space Observatory and the Maui Research and Technology Park in Kihei.

U.S. TREASURY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Program – \$8.84 million (Since FY01)

These funds will be used to gather, analyze, and disseminate drug trafficking and money laundering intelligence for use by law enforcement agencies in Hawaii.

Asian Development Bank Reimbursement – \$1.6 million (FY02)

These funds were used to reimburse law enforcement agencies in Hawaii for additional expenses incurred during the May 7 - 12, 2001 Asian Development Bank (ADB) Conference in Honolulu. Based on the information received from the two law enforcement agencies involved – Honolulu Police Department and Department of Public Safety – about \$3.3 million was expended. Following the precedent of the World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle and the International Monetary Fund meeting in Washington, D.C., Hawaii received a 50 percent reimbursement of the law enforcement costs, or \$1.6 million.

Hawaii IRS Office Staffing

Legislation enacted directs the Internal Revenue Service to maintain fully staffed positions, including a Collection Technical Adviser and an Examination Technical Adviser, in the IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service Center for Hawaii. The positions are necessary to address the difficulties experienced by Hawaii taxpayers when they try to receive assistance from the IRS national toll-free line.

Customs Inspectors Part-time and Temporary Positions – \$3 million (FY00 - 03)

This funding was used to pay the salaries of part-time and temporary Customs inspector positions at Honolulu International Airport to enhance current staffing.